

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*  
April 2, 2023

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*The Liturgy of the Palms will begin outside and will not be available for viewing. The livestream will begin as the procession enters the nave.*

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Reading from Matthew 21:1-11**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Blessing of the Palms**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of the Christ. Amen.**

**The Procession**

**The Processional Hymn: 154 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

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Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

### The Collect for Palm Sunday

*BCP p. 357*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:9-16

*Read responsively by half verse*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*

**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,

a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*

**they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

## The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn: 480 When Jesus Left His Father's Throne

KINGSFOLD

*The Children's Choir will sing the stanzas of Hymn 104 between the stanzas of Hymn 480.*

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 27:11-54

*Narrator:* Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Reader:* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Reader:* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator:* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Reader:* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Reader:* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

*Narrator:* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Reader:* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*Narrator:* And they said,

*Crowd:* "**Barabbas.**"

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Reader:* "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* All of them said,

*Crowd:* "**Let him be crucified!**"

*Narrator:* Then he asked,

*Reader:* "Why, what evil has he done?"

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd:* "**Let him be crucified!**"

*Narrator:* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Reader:* "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

*Narrator:* Then the people as a whole answered,

*Crowd:* "**His blood be on us and on our children!**"

*Narrator:* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put

a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

*Reader:* "Hail, King of the Jews!"

*Narrator:* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Reader:* "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

*Narrator:* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Reader:* "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

*Narrator:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

*Narrator:* that is,

*Jesus:* "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

*Narrator:* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Reader:* "This man is calling for Elijah."

*Narrator:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Reader:* "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

*Narrator:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Reader:* "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## **The Homily**

The Reverend Carmen Germino

## **The Prayers of the People**

### *Deacon*

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross. We humbly ask for your presence with us as we pray.

### *Intercessor*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of all your people.

For the faithful ministry of our parish, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, the global Anglican Communion, and all Christians.

For all that weighs heavy on our hearts, especially for all affected by the violence in Nashville this week, and for all who grieve. For the leaders of our community, state, and nation, that they will act with wisdom, courage, and integrity for the welfare of all your children.

For all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. For all who have departed this life in the certain hope of resurrection.

### *Celebrant*

Lord Jesus, your humility and your love for us is so broad and deep, it cost you your life. As our journey into the wilderness of Holy Week begins, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem. Stir up within us the gift of faith, that we may not only praise you with our lips, but may follow you along the palm-strewn path toward the cross.

## The Exchange of the Peace

BCP p. 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## The Greeting and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory Anthem: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Music: Douglas Wagner

*The English translation of this Latin text is the same as today's Fraction Anthem: S 161.*

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.*

#### The Presentation of Gifts

#### The Doxology: 143, O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest, *Stanza 5*

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**O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest,  
to Thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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#### The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### *Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

#### *The Celebrant continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

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#### *Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### *Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction Anthem**

*BCP p. 364/Hymnal S 161*

*Celebrant and People*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*BCP p. 365*

### **The Communion Hymn: 458 My Song Is Love Unknown**

LOVE UNKNOWN

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Solemn Prayer over the People**

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Recessional Hymn: 160 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**

CROSS OF JESUS

## **The Dismissal**

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Postlude: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

Wolfgang Dachstein

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